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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 154

Introduced by Assembly Member Bradford

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May 8, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 154—Relative to American Stroke Month 2012.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 154, as amended, Bradford. American Stroke Month 2012.

This measure would declare May 2012 to be American Stroke Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term
- 2 disability and the fourth leading cause of death in the United States,

1 killing over 134,000 people nationwide and approximately 13,506
2 Californians each year; and

3 WHEREAS, Stroke prevalence is projected to increase by 24.9
4 percent between 2010 and 2030, and the direct medical costs for
5 treating stroke in the United States are expected to increase by 238
6 percent, from \$28.3 billion in 2010 to \$95.6 billion by 2030; and

7 WHEREAS, Warning signs of stroke include sudden numbness
8 or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the
9 body, sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding, sudden
10 trouble seeing in one or both eyes, sudden trouble walking,
11 dizziness, loss of balance or coordination, and sudden severe
12 headache with no known cause; and

13 WHEREAS, Although Americans are more aware of the risk
14 factors and warning signs for stroke now than they have been in
15 the past, according to a recent survey, one-third of adults cannot
16 identify any symptoms; and

17 WHEREAS, The signature action for American Stroke Month
18 2012 is to reach out to a young audience, individuals 10 to 17 years
19 of age, inclusive, through all music genres and social media
20 activities, to educate them about stroke, the warning signs and risk
21 factors, and to engage them in sharing the messages with their
22 parents and grandparents; and

23 WHEREAS, Through the American Stroke Association's "Power
24 to End Stroke" awareness campaign, the 31 Days of Power activity
25 will empower African Americans to reduce their stroke risk,
26 recognize the warning signs, and respond quickly in a stroke
27 emergency to reduce stroke in African Americans who are at
28 particularly high risk of the disease. Participation in a local 31
29 Days of Power event or activity is encouraged; and

30 WHEREAS, New and effective treatments have been developed
31 to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effects of strokes,
32 but much more research is needed; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares May 2012 to be
35 American Stroke Month in California; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges all Californians to
37 familiarize themselves with the risk factors associated with stroke,
38 to recognize the warning signs and symptoms of stroke, and, at
39 the first signs of a stroke, to dial 911 immediately in order to begin

- 1 to reduce the devastating effects of stroke on our population; and
- 2 be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the author and to the Secretary of the Senate
- 5 for appropriate distribution.

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